

APS AMERISTAMP EXPO 2013

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The American Philatelic Society held its annual AmeriStamp Expo 18–20 January 2013, in Louisville, Kentucky. This show featured the Champion of Champions competition for all single frame exhibit Grand Prize winners at the national World Series of Philately shows during the preceding year. This year's champion exhibit award went to Mark S. Schwartz for *Ship Letters sent Along the Trade Routes of Salem, Mass. 1787-1837*. In the competition for the single frame Most Popular Champion of Champions category, Jay Bigalke won with his exhibit titled, *Springfield USA*.

Several exhibits with a biological theme were also on display. Emma Sorenson's *Zoos*, and Phillip J. Stager's *Bamboo*, competed in the Most Popular Prix d'Honneur. In the open competition, Phil Stager won a Gold medal and the Single Frame Reserve Grand award with *Pineapples*. This exhibit also received the ATA Single Frame Merit Award.

Also in the single frame open competition, Anthony Wawrukiewicz received a Gold medal for *What Enabled Life to Develop on Earth*. Robert Coale garnered a Vermeil medal for *Varieties and Errors of the Regular Conch Issues of the Indian Feudatory State of Travancore*, which also received the Errors, Freaks, and Oddities Collectors Club Second award. Finally, Elizabeth Hisey won a Vermeil medal for her food-related exhibit, *Roasted Quail*. Personally I have had roasted quail and it is quite tasty.